### **Park Partners**

# Voyageurs National Park

### FRIENDS OF VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

Have you noticed the action around the children's activity tables at park visitor centers? Have you hiked the Echo Bay Trail, listened to the nickelodeon play at the Kettle Falls Hotel, or attended an evening program at Woodenfrog? Have you taken a pair of snow-

Woodenfrog? Have you taken a pair of snowshoes or kids skis for a spin in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center? The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have provided fund-

ing for all of these projects, and more!

How do they do it? With help from people like you! The Friends are a non-profit organization that is sustained by donations. These donations sustain the group's mission of supporting natural, historical, and educational activities in the park.

In fact, the Friends are so good at what they do that they received an award for excellence in 2006. If you are interested in being a "Friend" of the park you can pick up a membership brochure for this award-winning group at any park visitor center. You can also visit the Friends on the Voyageurs National Park website at www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark/joinourfriends.htm.

### **VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION**

Formed in 1965 to work for the creation of Voyageurs National Park, Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) continues as a respected grassroots, citizen support and advocacy group. VNPA depends on members and donors to help protect the natural, recreational, and historic resources of the park and to promote public enjoyment of one of our nation's greatest treasures.



Members receive VNPAs quarterly journal and support partnership in park management. Members are invited to participate in special events in the park and greater Minnesota area, and in the annual members' meeting. Members are kept informed of important issues and information about the park and are part of a vibrant community of people who appreciate the value of Minnesota's Voyageurs National Park.

Voyageurs National Park Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that relies on members and donors to achieve its mission. For more information visit www.voyageurs.org or email vnpa@voyageurs.org. You can write to VNPA at: 126 N. Third St., Ste. 400, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1678 or call (612) 333-5424. Membership brochures are available at all Voyageurs National Park visitor centers.





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# Lake States Interpretive Association

#### LAKE STATES INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

The non-profit Lake States Interpretive Association sells books, maps, posters and other interpretive items at visitor centers in Voyageurs National Park, the Lakewood Ranger District in the Nicolet National Forest, and

Chippewa National Forest. The association also publishes interpretive books and materials about these areas. All profits from sales support the educational and interpretive projects of these agencies. www.nps.gov/voya (click on: supportyourpark)

Gifts: Voyageurs National Park mugs, clothing, lapel pin and patches. Please call for prices.



### VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS, VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

In 2006 the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 145 people who volunteered over 12,000 hours in support of park activities. Volunteers staff the park visitor centers, assist with education programs, help maintain park trails, assist with park research and monitoring activities, and much more.

Opportunities to volunteer at the park range from one day projects to multi-month assignments. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park contact the park's volunteer coordinator at 218-283-6600, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya.

If you are one of the amazing people who have already given your time and support to the park, we thank you!

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